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Sir:

Submitted herewith are an International Preliminary Report on Patentability and a Written Opinion for the Examiner's consideration. The references cited therein have been previously filed with the International Search Report in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 15, 2004.

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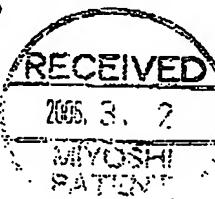
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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## 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

## 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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## Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement!			
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	4, 7, 9-16	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4, 7, 9-16	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP 2001-93321 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 6 April 2001, fig. 1; paragraphs [00156], [0168] and [0310] (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2002-107720 A (Hirokazu Matsui), 10 April 2002 &amp; US 2002/39292 A</p>			
<p>The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 8, 17 and 18 are disclosed in document 1 (fig. 1; paragraphs [00156], [0168] and [0301]) cited in the international search report, and therefore lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 4, 7 and 9 to 16 are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>			